

Students' concerns grow as bus strike arrives

By Anna Lee Etmanskile

"Bus strike? There's a bus strike?" That was one student's reply when asked about the Kitchener-Waterloo transit strike which began Nov. 1.

But other students, dependent on buses to get to and from school, were more worried about its effects, and were hurriedly arranging rides with friends or asking their parents to drive them to and from the Doon campus.

Luci Ventresca, a first-year business management student, said her first reaction was, "How am I going to get to work?" She said she can walk to school if she has to and

has managed to get rides from friends.

Joe Pavia, a third-year broadcasting-radio and television (BRT) student, was angry when he first heard about the strike. "The bus system isn't that good. Does this mean the service will be upgraded (after the strike is settled)?" Pavia was also concerned about being reimbursed for purchasing a four-month bus pass.

Alan Fraser, another third-year BRT student, agreed with Pavia. "It's not as if the bus system was working that great to begin with. Most of the time, you need two or three transfers to get anywhere. And if you miss a bus, you end up waiting at least 20 minutes for



Rhonda Wiggins

another."

He said he was lucky to find a ride to school, but that won't stop him from taking action. Fraser wants his money back for purchasing his four-month bus pass and plans to



Allan Fraser

write a story on the strike.

Sharon Dell, a second-year accounting student, is taking the strike in stride. She found a ride to school on the first morning and although she had to wait until 5:30



Luci Ventresca

p.m. for her sister to pick her up, was philosophical about the inconvenience. "I can't do much about it. Besides, I'll probably get my homework done this way."

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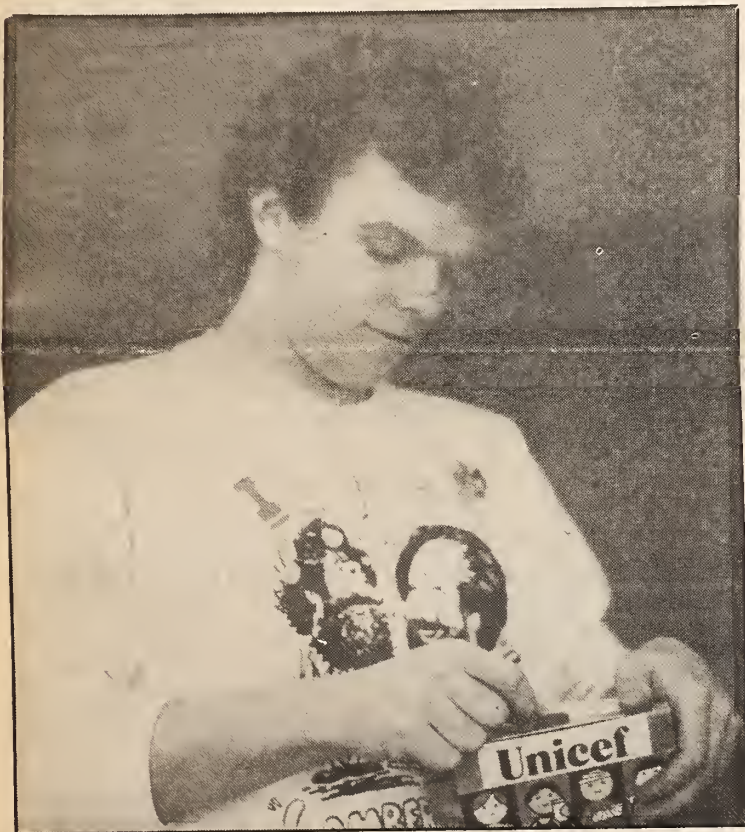


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A worthwhile cause

Steve Blenkhorn was one of the first people to contribute to UNICEF by purchasing a Halloween button for \$1 at one of the 20 boxes displayed around the campus.

4 groups to elect board members

By Tracy Strassburger

For the first time, students of Conestoga College will have the right to elect their representative to the board of governors in a college-wide vote on Nov. 16.

Barbara Hartleib, executive assistant to College President John Tibbits, said the student vote is part of a new election process implemented this year by the college board of governors to fill four positions on the board designated for internal board members.

One internal member is elected to represent each of four "constituent groups" within the college community: academic, support, and administrative staff, and the student body, said Hartleib.

The nominees for internal board membership from the student body are Keith R. Brown, a first-year electronics engineering student, and Robert N. Conway, a first-year business administration -- materials management student.

Nominees from the administrative staff are John Bonesteel,

registrar; Bob Simpson, manager, Ontario skills development; and Edith Torbay, manager of programs.

Nominees from the faculty are Linda Corso, continuing education, Doon campus; Steve Garbatt, health sciences, Doon campus; Helen Watt, futures program, Cambridge campus; and Herb Williams, academic upgrading, Guelph campus.

Support Staff nominees are Karen Haslam, learning resource centre, (see ELECTIONS page 3)

Workshops help relieve test anxiety

By Cathy Zegers

Almost everyone is anxious before a test, but for some people this anxiety "is carried to a greater extreme," according to Bob King, a counsellor with Doon campus student services.

To combat such anxiety, King will conduct a series of test anxiety workshops beginning the week of Nov. 7.

The workshops consist of three to four sessions that are usually held for an hour once a week.

At the first session, King said, they will talk about anxiety in general, what causes it, the dif-

ferent kinds of anxiety and how to deal with it.

Different types of test anxiety and how to cope with them are discussed in the second session.

At the third session, King will demonstrate relaxation techniques the students can use to calm themselves during a test. These techniques include such things as deep breathing and relaxing, and tightening muscles.

King said the fourth session is optional, depending on what the group wants. At this session he usually talks about preparing for tests.

King said he doesn't go into a lot

of detail at the fourth session because he also holds a test preparation workshop during the school year.

"The workshops are for people who have serious problems writing tests."

Symptoms of this severe anxiety include not being able to think during the test, getting sick, not being able to sleep the night before and breaking out in a sweat.

King says he tries to work in small groups of three or four because there is more interaction and people tend to open up more.

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ECE collects toys for Jamaican centre

By Cathy Zegers

The early childhood education (ECE) centre at Conestoga College staged an "adopt a day care centre" campaign starting the week of Oct 10 to provide toys and equipment for a day care centre in Port Antonio, Jamaica.

Faculty member Titia Taylor and ECE program co-ordinator Donna McKenna supervised the toy drive.

The centre in Port Antonio is part of the Jamaica Women's Training Project, and is a multi-purpose centre funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the Association of

Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). ACCC is contracted with Fanshawe College as the lead college for the project. Leader for the Jamaica Women's Training Project is Enid Edwards, of Fanshawe.

CIDA was approached by the Jamaica Bureau of Women's Affairs (BWA) to fund the two-year project and its several goals.

One is to train BWA staff in planning, management, monitoring and evaluation.

Under the project, several hundred Jamaican women will be trained in construction, small appliance repairs, bookkeeping, child care and marketing. These women will then be able to train others.

They will also refurbish the multi-purpose centre in Port Antonio, which will include day care facilities.

Five Jamaicans came to Canada for training in child care, construction and women's centre programs and management.

After hearing about the project, Taylor and McKenna developed the idea of having a toy and equipment drive for the Jamaican centre.

They introduced the idea at a meeting of the Kitchener-Waterloo branch of the ECE Association of Ontario that was held at the Doon campus ECE centre.

Several day care centre suppliers had displays set up at the meeting

and Taylor said they were the first to donate.

"One woman who makes puppets donated a dollar's worth of puppets for every one she sold," said Taylor.

They were looking for donations of good quality educational toys for children from ages four months to six years, or cash to purchase toys and equipment.

The toy drive was only advertised through the college, but Taylor said the public learned about it through a story in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record and from an interview aired on Kitchener radio station CHYM.

She said there are other colleges involved with the Jamaica Women's Training Project, although Conestoga is the only one involved in supplying equipment to the day care centre.

Taylor said the response to the drive was good.

"Many parents have a lot of toys at home that they don't know what to do with."

Arrangements were made by Edwards to ship the toys and supplies to Jamaica.

Taylor said that the success of the campaign may lead to similar projects, such as supplying toys to needy children in Canada.

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The first big step By Richard E. McLean

In a few weeks, I will be leaving school to begin work, and the thought of facing the real world scares me.

For the past year and a half, I have been wrapped in the security of the college, knowing I was safe and free from harm. If I made a mistake, the only retribution I faced was losing a mark or two. But, in the real world, even the smallest mistake can cause complications.

Looking back over my program, I remember the times I was angry with my teachers because I didn't agree with what they knew to be right. Thinking about it now, I realize what they were doing was for my benefit, not their own. They were preparing me for what they knew I would have to deal with in the future.

Now the future is almost here. It's the time I have been looking forward to for so long, yet secretly dreading the last few months.

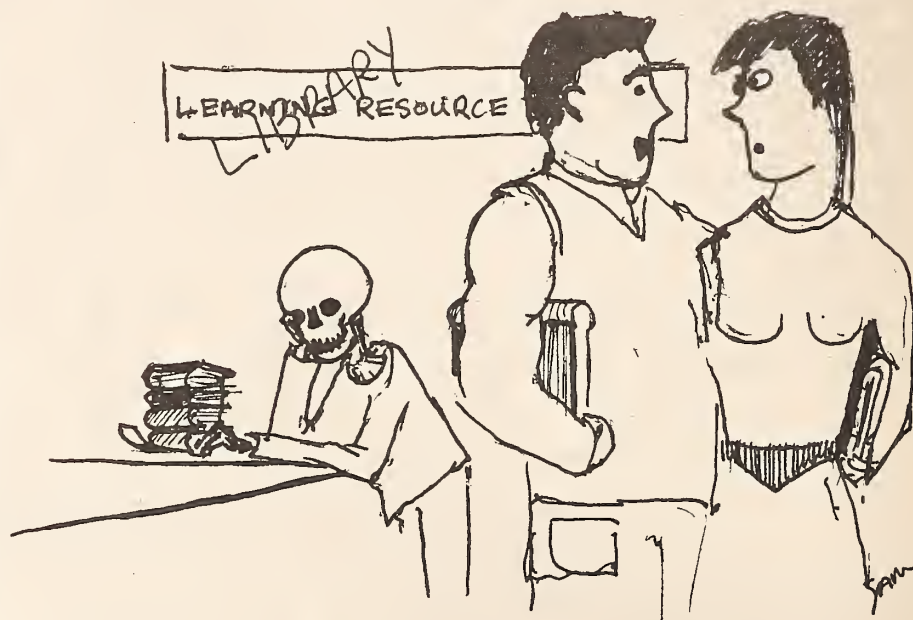
Things have happened during my time on Spoke which caused me to feel insecure and have doubts about my qualifications.

Often I would find myself wondering if I was truly capable of writing as well as my friends said I could.

Even now, I wonder if what and how I write are going to be acceptable to a newspaper editor in the real world. Realistically, I can't see myself writing an article on coffee cups getting larger or about a warning put on the back of parking decals, but I realize that stories like these are all part of a journalist's training. I can understand now that what I've learned over the past year and a half does serve a purpose.

I realize I am soon going to have to take that first big step into that real world, knowing I may stumble or even fall. I also realize that, fear or no fear, I am going to have to keep on walking.

There's no turning back now.



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DSA Activities co-ordinator



"I would marry a handsome man with lots of money and live off him for the rest of my life."

Christine Wettlaufer,
Management studies
3rd year

Column meant to make people think



By Antony Saxon

The time has come to say goodbye.

Over the past 16 weeks I have received several criticisms for the things I wrote in this space each week, and not too much encouragement.

The criticism usually fell along the lines of: "You're just trying to stir something up."

And in a way I agree, but not in the context you might think.

My purpose has never been to make people mad or angry, but then again, it has never been to make them happy either.

It's been to make them think.

I personally don't care if my words anger or please; all I care about is that they make you think. They make you look at what I've written and either agree, disagree or draw

your own conclusions.

On the other hand, as a teacher of mine once said: "If a column doesn't p--- somebody off, then it wasn't a very good column."

What I think he meant was that whenever somebody expresses an opinion (and that's all it's ever been), somebody will disagree--which is what democracy is all about. By getting angry, at least people show they care, and at least that I can respect them for.

I never wanted anyone to agree with me. I would rather have them disagree than noth-

ing at all--at least that showed they care.

I don't think I could go without saying thank you to some people. To my teachers for giving me the start on what I hope to be my life's work.

To Gitta, my most trusted and respected critic, for being one of the few who understood.

And finally, to the friends who made me smile and care, you all helped make it worthwhile. Au revoir, but not goodbye.

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Alan Claridge, first-year law and security administration (LASA), took an opposite view.

"They're putting the whole town on its butt, especially students and old people, who can't even get out to do necessary things like grocery shopping."

Rod Lewis, another first-year LASA student, said the strike isn't fair to the public. Lewis, a London native, said Kitchener Transit charges too much as it is.

He was disappointed when he heard about the strike as "not everyone can afford to have a car." Lewis now has a 40-minute walk to the college, although he can get

rides from people in his class. "I have to leave for school earlier and I have been late for class," he said.

Rhonda Wiggins, a first-year business management student, solved the transportation problem immediately by moving back to her home in Brantford.

"I had to. I didn't know what else to do. I couldn't afford to pay rent and buy a car. Besides, driving from Brantford is faster and cheaper than living here."

Brian Longmere, a first-year marketing student, summed up hearing about the strike in two words: "It sucked."

He added that he was surprised that the government wouldn't step in and prevent the drivers from striking. Longmere was also anxious about being reimbursed for the four-month bus pass he purchased.

Shelley Franklin, a second-year



Micheal VanEe

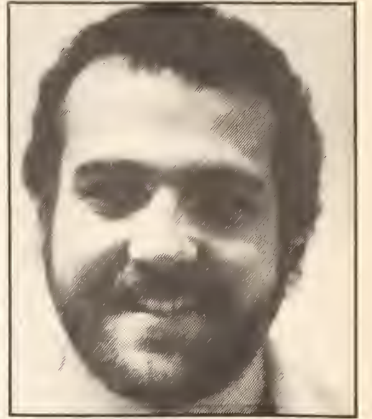
accounting student, said she managed to find a ride with a friend who has to come out of her way to pick her up and drop her off. She said she is angry and the drivers "should have found another way to



Sharon Dell

settle it. It (the strike) has put a lot of people out."

Micheal VanEe, a first-year marketing student, was "mad" when he first heard about the strike. He said he had to ask his parents to



Joe Pavia

drive him to and from school, and they were somewhat angry too.

VanEe said the strike "is probably done because it's an election year and (the drivers) feel they can get more out of the city."

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cal support (electronics), Doon campus; and David Sanders, Ontario skills development, Doon campus.

"We call them constituency groups because they are internal and we want to differentiate between the four groups," Hartlieb said.

As part of the move toward "a very formal election process," all full-time and part-time students in a program of instruction (a group of related courses leading to a diploma, certificate or other document awarded by the board of governors) are eligible to run for the student board position. All full-time and part-time registered students are also eligible to vote.

In the past, the student representative was a student association president from one of the six campuses, selected by fellow association presidents, explained Hartlieb.

"It was only the council presidents who voted for one of their group because the presidents were already elected in their locales," Hartlieb said. "But we want to have a more open, and I guess, fair basis" for selecting the board representative.

Hartlieb said that while the college faculty members have always voted for their board representative, the college-wide vote changes procedures. Support and administrative staff have always had a full vote, she said, but the ballots were mailed in. Academic staff, in the past, have rotated an elected representative from a different campus each year.

Voting day is Nov. 16 at all college campuses, where polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again in the evening during an as yet unspecified time.

There will be two advance polls,

on Nov. 14 and 15, with the polling station hours to be determined by the individual campuses.

The locations of the individual polling stations has been left up to each campus, said Hartlieb, adding that the locations have yet to be determined.

The vote is by secret ballot. There are separate ballots for each internal board position, Hartlieb said. Voters will be required to present their student or staff identity cards (with photo) before voting.

A voter's list for each group has already been compiled, she said. If voters arrive at the polling station and finds their names are not on the list, they may fill out a ballot, place it in an envelope with their name and address on the front and not why they feel they should be allowed to vote. If the omission of a name is found to be an error, the

vote will be counted at the end of the day on Nov. 17.

The four elected internal board members sit on the board with 12 external members. The external members are appointed for up to two three-year terms by the Ontario Council of Regents for community colleges, an advisory and executive agency of the provincial government. This year, three appointments will be made to fill vacancies left by three retiring members.

The internal board members have the duties, responsibilities and privileges of appointed members but cannot vote on matters, Hartlieb said.

However, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities has given the council of regents until December, 1989, to decide if internal members should be given voting rights.

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He said the workshops let people know they are not alone and, as a result of the talks, they should be able to cope better and achieve better marks.

Last year 11 people attended the workshops. King said that as of Oct. 26, six people had signed up for this year's workshop.

He only holds the workshops once a year, but will also see people on an individual basis as the need arises.

People who have attended previous workshops have told King they were helpful.

"When a student comes up to me and says 'I made it,' to me, that's success."

While the workshops start the week of Nov. 7, King said the starting time is flexible, depending on the time available to the students.

Chocolate sales raise money for LASA

by Maria K. Hooisma

Pam Watters, known as "the chocolate lady" to her classmates, in the law and security administration student (LASA) program, says all first- and second-year LASA students are participating in a chocolate drive to help raise money for the LASA banquet being held April 7 at the Valhalla Inn in Kitchener.

The students are selling boxes of chocolate-covered almonds or almond chocolate bars for \$2 apiece, with buyers also receiving a coupon giving a \$2 discount off the regular price of any eight or 12-slice perfect pizza from Mother's Pizza and Pasta Restaurants (Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Brantford and Stratford), before Dec. 15, 1988.

Watters said that the tickets for the banquet cost about \$30, but the students have been holding events to raise money to defer the cost per student to \$10 or lower.

To date, LASA students have raised about \$750 from a car wash, Halloween party and chocolate sales, she added.

Watters said that 100 cases (3,600 individual boxes) of chocolate-covered almonds and 75 cases (2,700 bars) almond chocolate bars were ordered and a re-order of 2,700 chocolate-covered almonds is expected to be made shortly.

"Last year the LASA students raised about \$7,000," she said. Two charities in the community

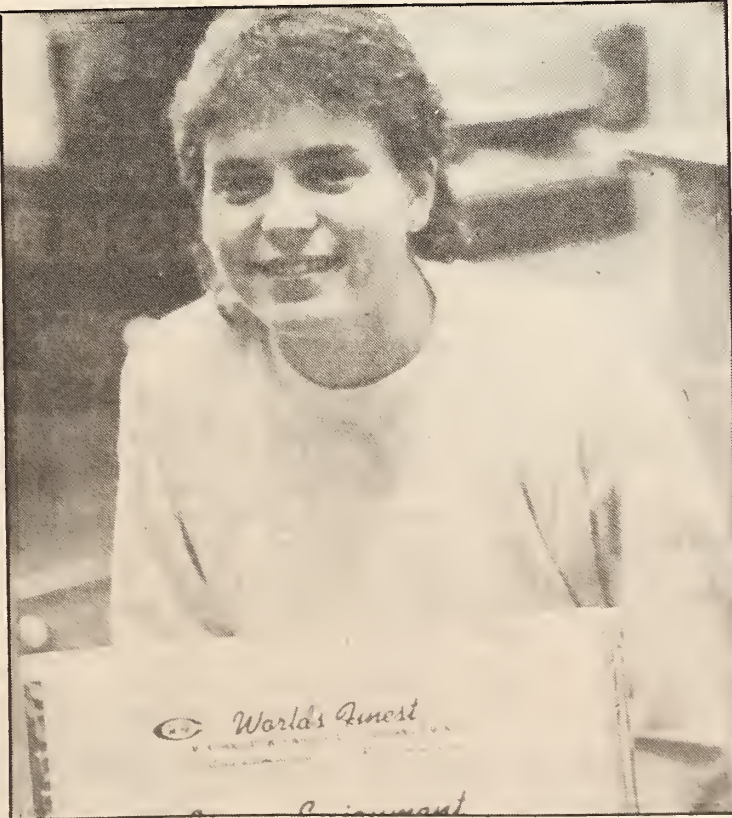


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Pam Watters, second-year LASA student

also were given \$300 each, one being Kitchener House, a community-based residence for adult male offenders.

Watters said students earn 88 cents on each chocolate-covered almond box sold and \$1 on each al-

mond chocolate bar.

Starting Nov. 7, students also will sell \$1 tickets on a five-pound chocolate bar, with whole-roasted California almonds. "There will be another drive in the spring, around Valentine's Day and Easter," Watters said.

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Employees may canvass

By Tracy Strassburger

College employees are allowed to canvass and put candidates' placards on their lawns during elections, but they can't solicit campaign funds or run for office unless they take a leave of absence, the college's board of governors has been told.

John Podmore, director of human resources, told the board of governors meeting Nov. 24 that the intent of the restriction is that a political party "should not gain credibility because of association with a college employee."

College employees are considered Crown employees under the Public Service Act of Ontario and are subject to the same restrictions related to participation of public servants, civil servants and Crown employees in federal and provincial elections.

The information was provided to the board after Eric Chilingarian, academic faculty representative on the board, requested at the Sept. 26 meeting a legal opinion on what activities college employees can participate in during a federal election.

At one time, Chilingarian said,

employees were told a court decision had allowed public servants and Crown employees to canvass during elections.

"It was a personal thing with me because I wanted to know if I was free to exercise my freedoms as a citizen of Canada," said Chilingarian.

Under the Public Service Act, if a college employee wishes to be a candidate in a federal or provincial election, that person must apply to the lieutenant-governor-in-council for a leave of absence without pay. If the person is elected, he or she must resign from the college.

This occurred in the past when Kitchener MP John Reimer, a former Conestoga College employee, was elected to the House of Commons.

Employees who only wish to work for a particular candidate need not resign, but may not solicit funds for a political party or candidate or associate their positions as Crown employees with any political activity. Instead, they must take a leave of absence without pay.

The Act also stipulates that Crown employees may not campaign for a party or candidate during working hours. Doing so is grounds for dismissal.

Kosmick studies Indian education

By Cathy Zegers

Rod Kosmick, a teaching master for the electrical engineering technician program at Guelph campus, was part of a four-member team, sponsored by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), that went to India to study its educational institutions.

The other members of the team were Bill Day from Douglas College in Vancouver, Patricia Groves from Vancouver Community College and Tom Norton, the ACCC secretary and the team's leader.

Kosmick represented Conestoga in place of college president, John Tibbits, who originally had considered the assignment.

Kosmick said he was chosen to replace Tibbits because the ACCC wanted someone with engineering background for the technology assessment of India's education system.

Since the trip was on such short notice, the person going also had to already have a Canadian passport, and Kosmick had recently returned from a project in the United Arab Emirates in the summer.

Kosmick said he met the requirements and "just happened to be available".

The four-member team studied the Indian education system to see how Canadian institutions could in-

teract with it and met with representatives from India's colleges, technological institutions and government.

The team studied all aspects of post-secondary, non-degree, formal and non-formal education in India.

Members visited educational institutions to study their strengths and weaknesses and to determine how Canadian colleges could help them.

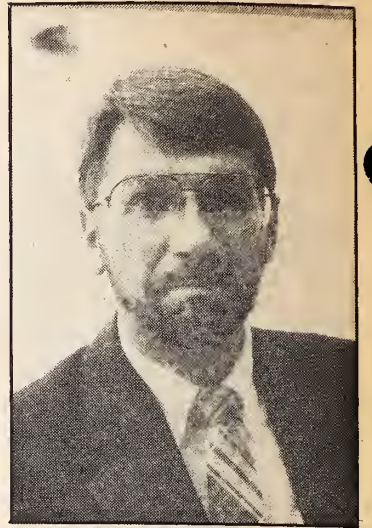
The team will suggest institutions in India that may be appropriate partners for joint ventures with Canadian colleges.

Kosmick said he found the students "bright, articulate, highly motivated and proud". The Indian education system is similar to Canada's as it has a lot of British influence, he said.

Kosmick said India has the world's largest system of technical education and a large apprenticeship program.

The level of technology is not as advanced as in Canada, but it is fundamentally well-developed, he said.

The team members are now writing reports that will be used by the ACCC as a basis of recommendation to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) of



Rod Kosmick

possible programs for development and support in India.

Recently, Conestoga has become more involved in international education.

Besides Kosmick, other members of the college staff were in the United Arab Emirates last summer preparing curriculum for institutions there.

Conestoga is a member of the World Community Council of the regional Waterloo area, a recently formed organization promoting Canada's involvement with international education.

College staff seek seats in municipal election

By Bridget Bryans

Four Conestoga College staff members who are running as veteran aldermen in this year's municipal elections have one thing in common: they are all concerned people who got involved.

The four are Mary Love and Bob Wall, running for council in Cambridge, Lynne

Woolstencroft, seeking election in Waterloo and Joe Young, a Guelph candidate.

Love, a receptionist at the Detweiler Centre on Doon campus, is especially protective of her ward and works towards the maintenance of its stability, she said.

She uses the personal touch in dealing with her constituents in the former town of Preston, now Cambridge.

Woolstencroft teaches business and marketing. Her concerns include day care and the problems that women face.

Wall has taught geography and history, which he said is important to anyone involved in local government.

He supports development and looks forward to Cambridge becoming a large city, but said that strong controls and planning

are needed.

Young works in administration at Conestoga and said his experience in finance is helpful on Guelph city council.

He said he feels Guelph is big enough now and that growth should be restricted to non-polluting and low labor intensive industries.

He is concerned for the quality of life for his constituents.

Veteran Cambridge alderman Mary Love uses personal touch

Twelve years ago, with a strong belief in public service, Mary Love entered the political arena and was elected to Cambridge city council.

"I wanted a part-time job with flexible hours, to suit my family needs," she said. "Council offered that, plus the chance to help my

community."

She has been working full time as a receptionist at the Detweiler Centre at Conestoga College's Doon campus since August.

About campaign funds, Love said, "Maybe big city people have problems; I don't. Most of my

funds I provide myself. I don't accept donations from businesses. If one of my constituents offered me \$20, I'd probably take it."

She said her first campaign cost \$70. After 12 years, she now spends \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Love represents a stable ward and

this is reflected in her concerns about the rapid growth of Cambridge. Rezoning and neighborhood pride are important to her and her constituents.

Love's campaign consists mostly of knocking on doors and shaking hands with people, she said, to let

them know, "Here I am if you need me. I know the ropes; I can often help people just by knowing where to go."



Mary Love

My city my business: Young

Concern about major decisions being made by city council started Joe Young's career six years ago as a Guelph alderman.

Problems facing government today are complex and Young said he felt his background in engineering, business and finance were needed by the city.

Young has been working at Conestoga College for 19 years and currently is associate director of academic programs. He has five grown children.

"If you are satisfied with the way things are being done, nothing will ever be done to improve things," Young said.

The main thrust of Young's policy in coun-

cil is to attack financial problems.

Young said he feels that the unprecedented growth in Guelph requires radical new thinking.

He would also like to see municipalities put pressure on the federal and provincial levels to make them aware of issues that concern local citizens.

"People (on council) keep telling me that this or that does not concern council. I say, anything that affects our citizens is our business and we should be concerned."



Joe Young

Bob Wall looks to future

A lifelong interest in politics led Bob Wall, co-ordinator for academic support -- communications, to a seat on Cambridge city council in 1983.

Wall has been at Conestoga College since 1975 and lives in Cambridge with his wife and three children, who are in university.

"City growth should pay for itself. You cannot stop growth; therefore, it should be carefully planned," Wall said.

Wall said he believes Cambridge is an ideal location for development because it covers 50 square miles and is close to Toronto, with several exits from the 401.

"I can see a city of 120,000 in the future.

I believe the council should be forward looking."

The Wall family is fully supportive and involved with Wall's political life. "I couldn't do it without them," he said.

Running a city is a big job, and Wall said he spends about 30 hours a week serving on committees and reading council-related documents.

"The important issues facing us now are growth, traffic and finance and they are one integral issue," he said.



Bob Wall

Alderman Woolstencroft concerned about region's social problems

Lynne Woolstencroft, who teaches in academic support communications, believes her political career provides a strong role model for her students.

Although she is completing only her second term on city council in Waterloo, Woolstencroft has been involved in politics on all levels of

government since 1970.

Her family is intensely political, said Woolstencroft, who calls herself a "Red Tory from the Prairies."

Her husband, Peter, works behind the scenes in political organization. "He's theoretical, and I'm practical. The children (a boy and a girl both

in high school) are also community-minded. We don't always agree on everything, but we're all involved. We have a lot of fun in our house."

Social issues are of concern to her. Working on the school board and on the council for the status of women provide useful background

for her on the regional council's social services committee.

Her views are mixed on the new disclosure law, which requires municipal candidates to reveal their campaign expenses and sources of income.

"I applaud the efforts and the idea. Municipal government has suffered

from the lack of tax incentives for donors in the past. I feel this law is ill-conceived but well-intentioned."

All her campaign donations are placed in a blind trust because "this leaves me free to vote as I believe, since I don't know who my contributors are."

Woodworking grad keeps options open

by Maria K. Hooisma

In the future, David Berg, 22, a manufacturing technician graduate of the woodworking program, may just ask his friends to belly up to a hide-a-bar that is a casket.

The casket is the most unusual item he has made so far, he said, adding that it now is being used for storage. If he doesn't convert it to a bar, he might line it with cedar and make a hope chest out of it, or make it into a hide-a-bed.

Berg, who graduated in 1986 from Conestoga College's Doon campus, said that he custom-built the standard size casket, costing about \$500, in the second year of the program.

"I was interested in it as a product, something I might get into making, but there was a lot of competition in this field."

After graduating, while working part-time for La-Z-Boy, Berg started his own business, Pinebush Wood Products, to fill in the extra time.

He said that the name Pinebush originated from the street on which his business is located, although he tells people who ask that the street was named after his business.

"I started with one light bulb, a wood stove for heat, a couple of electric plugs and about five basic machines."

Berg said that the business invol-

ves custom woodworking, refinishing and some kitchen cabinets. He said oak is the most popular wood product used, along with plastic laminates.

One of his recent jobs was a trophy cabinet, made of red oak, built for the law and security administration program at Conestoga College's Doon campus, and installed on the fourth floor of the main teaching building.

Last August, Berg bought Blue Jay Woodworking, a five-year-old business. This purchase completed what he didn't have in equipment and started bringing in more business, he said.

A motor-belt-driven rotating display measuring three-feet in diameter and built for a home show, is the most unusual item he has been asked to make, said Berg.

"I'm working on it right now."

Berg, who works 50 to 60 hours per week, said that Friday nights are set aside for entertainment, but he works on Saturdays and occasionally all night.

"The woodworking industry is competitive for anyone who is in it and there is a lot of work right now. Those who don't have work never will."

Customers are always looking for someone who can build custom-made specialty items to fit unusual places, but they want it for the same price as a store purchase, said Berg.

"I am competitive. I'm just learning how to make a buck at it."

Berg said that his future plans may involve a venture with Vanson Wood Design, which specializes in kitchen cabinets and is located in Cambridge.

Making kitchen cabinets weren't really covered in the program at Conestoga, said Berg.

"The educational system, it's our key."

He added that if the industries in the area got involved with the educational system, both would benefit.

As for recognition, Berg said that in 1984, in high school, he received two awards -- one for the highest mark in woodworking (a plaque and money) and one for the highest overall mark in the technical programs.

"The challenge of it all drives me. The learning experience is incredible."

Berg said that he has learned a lot in two years. He added that he has a better feel for the business since he's worked in sales, finding suppliers and doing paper work.

"My parents and friends have been very supportive."

There are two employees working with Berg, but he said that one may be leaving and the second is working for an undetermined amount of time.

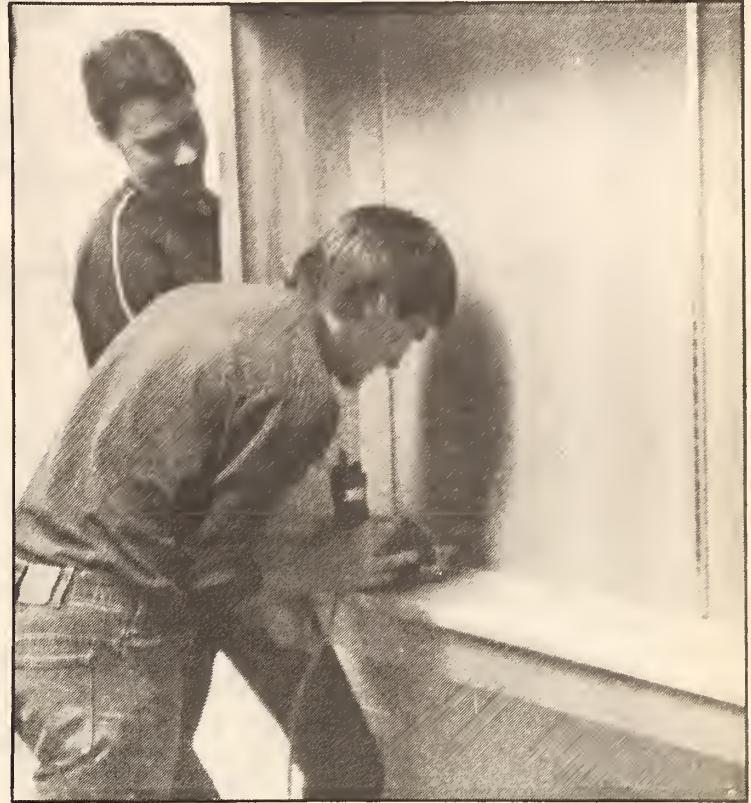


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David Berg, (left) and employee Brian Derkson, on the job.

"If I have to go on my own, my hands aren't tied and my options are open. I like it."

He said he wouldn't recommend starting a business to someone

fresh out of college "unless you are a self-motivator and have a good feeling for what you want to do. Get more experience before trying it on your own."

McNaughton Centre honored as Canada's best

By Antony Saxon

Students may not know what or where Conestoga's McNaughton Centre is but it has just been selected the best of its kind in Canada.

The centre is located deep in the bowels of the technical wing in room 2A68, and serves as a workroom/workshop for Conestoga's electronics students, said Peter Forshaw, a teacher in the electronics program.

It's named after Andrew G. L. McNaughton, a former Canadian army general and cabinet minister, who made numerous contributions

to electrical engineering, including aiding in the invention of radar.

Forshaw said it's a place where students can do their homework, work on personal projects or just come and eat their lunch if they want.

Recently the centre was awarded the George Armitage award for being the best run and best maintained McNaughton centre in Canada. The honor included the awarding of a plaque and a \$200 cheque.

The centre contains several pieces of equipment used by electronics students, including four IBM personal computers with printers, a

plotter with printer, and a computer-telephone link. Forshaw estimated the worth of the equipment at \$18,000.

The telephone link can be used by anyone in the community, said Forshaw, and allows interested individuals to communicate through a "billboard" on the computer.

Other than communicating, the phone-link allows people to access various programs on the computer by dialing a telephone number.

Forshaw said that "right now we have a lot of people using the billboard (computer) that have nothing to do with the college ... they just have a common interest,

and that's great."

The centre was started two years ago by two electronics students who wanted a work room for people in their program. The centre officially opened on March 7, 1987.

The college donated the room and for funding, students approached the regional office of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), who donated about 75 per cent of the money needed for setting up the room, said Joe Martins, an electronics student and current facilities manager of the centre.

The IEEE is a professional,

worldwide organization involved in furthering electrical technology and disseminating technical information, said Forshaw. It does this through publications, research and trade shows.

Conestoga College has a student branch of the IEEE which currently has "40 or 50" members, said Forshaw.

To help maintain and expand the centre, the Conestoga chapter of the IEEE buys bulk course materials that the electronics students need, and sells them to students at a small profit, said Martins. Those profits are then invested into the centre.

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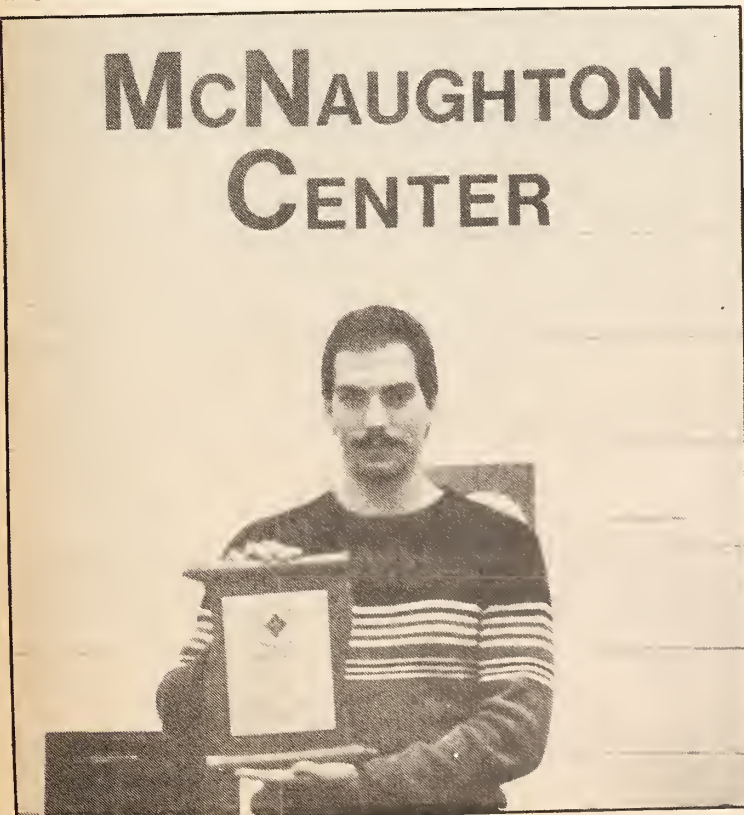


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Joseph Martins with the George Armitage award.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Putz goes nutz at nooner

By Sharon Slater

Conestoga College students were rolling in the aisles when comedian Martin Putz performed at the Oct. 24 campus nooner.

If you sat in the front row, or walked in front of the stage, he had an uncanny way of centering you out.

He swore at some people, poked fun at others and always had a comeback for any would-be heckler.

Putz, 26, has performed at places such as the Comedy Club and Funny People in Los Angeles. Both shows ran in August and September on NBC.

"I have also done some shows in England, including one called Friday Night live," said Putz. Friday night live, he added, is a take-off of the American television

comedy show, Saturday Night Live.

He has also been a regular on Switchback, a CBC production.

For now, Putz is content with doing his stand-up comedy routine at schools.

"I like to perform at Conestoga - this is one of my favorite nooners," he said.

Putz looks up to many comedians but his idol is Steve Martin.

"When he does comedy it is so absurd and silly, and I love silly comedy.

"I don't think comedy should have political messages. Save the Whales is important, but once in a while it's good to get absurd," said Putz.

At 26 years of age, he feels he is just starting his life. His aspirations and goals for the future are all in perspective.

When he pokes fun at people in the audience, he doesn't pick on them, he said.

"I make fun of everybody. I even make fun of myself. If we can't laugh at ourselves we shouldn't be laughing at all."

Putz thinks comedy is going to be around for a long time.

"With all the problems the world is facing, people have to laugh more," he said, as an emotional release.

His goal is to be an actor, starring in comedy films.

Putz said in his spare time he builds his props for his act, and tries to catch a movie when he can.

"I'm a real movie buff. I like any kind of movie; you name it, I'll see it."

Putz said he is working on some movie projects and he always has innovative ideas to use in his act.

Students rock to horror show

By Sharon Slater

Conestoga College went into a time warp on Monday, Oct. 24, when students dressed the part to represent their favorite character of the cult classic, The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

All those attending the movie at the Doon campus were given Rocky Horror kits at the door by the Doon Student Association (DSA). The kits were filled with props so

those in attendance could participate.

The doors opened at 7:30 p.m. and according to Steve Blenkhorn, entertainment manager for the DSA, approximately 35 to 40 tickets were sold at the door.

In all, approximately 225 people attended the show.

The audience participated throughout the show, throwing shredded paper, toast (foam), toilet paper and other items from the kits.

In the intermission, the DSA held a draw for a trip to the Quebec Winter Carnival. It was won by Chris McQuade, a first-year broadcasting student.

There were also records given out as prizes.

Cheryl Wilson, DSA activities co-ordinator, said the kit items were a idea the executive discussed when they decided to book the Rocky Horror Picture Show for the school.

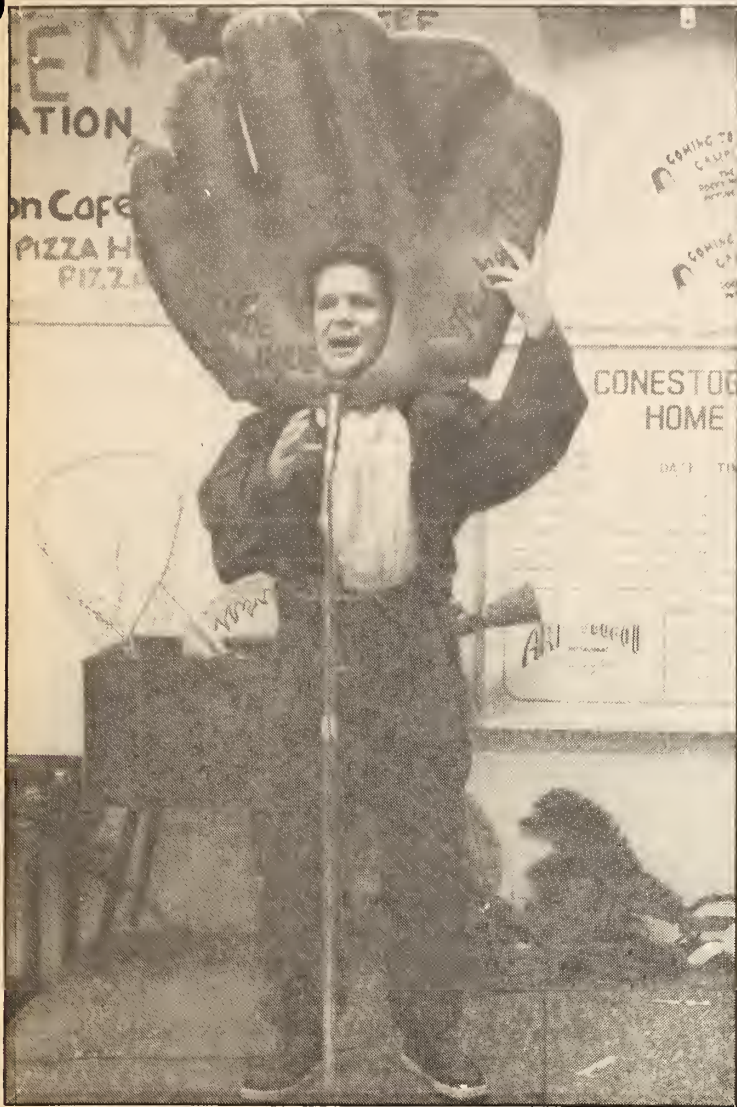


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Martin Putz performs at a nooner as a human glove.

McRorie plays for costumed crowd

By Antony Saxon

McRorie Tait, the one-man band who played at Conestoga's Halloween pub Oct. 28, wants people to know that he is a musician, not a novelty.

When told he reminds one of the old traditional one-man bands that used to perform on street corners, with a big drum on their backs and an accordion in their hands, McRorie takes offence.

"If that's all it is, then it's a tragedy for me. If that's all it (his show) becomes, then I will die an unhappy person."

McRorie, 32, said he's more than a novelty. He said the old one-man bands were limited in their instrumentation and weren't original.

He compares himself more to the old blues musician, who was more inclined to use the instrumentation to express himself -- not just make

sounds.

"I'm able to take my ideas and express them with my instrumentation, and that's a large step from being a novelty."

He does admit that not all of his show is emotion and expression. Songs such as Money Money or Pink Cadillac are played just to get people up dancing and partying.

"Now that's a novelty," said McRorie.

He said he is on the road "all the time," but has a legal address in Vancouver.

He has been performing as a one-man band for three years, although he has been developing his sound and equipment for seven years.

Comparing a college audience to a bar audience, he said the college crowd is "more mixed. I can't do all heavy stuff; they're here to party and dance."

McRorie said he keeps his work interesting for himself by learning new songs, upgrading his sound and creating original songs.

McRorie, who bears an uncanny resemblance to actor Willem Dafoe, added that the desire to perfect his show is another element that keeps it interesting, "to take it out of being just a visual presentation. This is instrumentation I can create with. I can bring out all the ideas I've had in the back of my mind since this thing all started."

He used to be in a band with his sister and brother, and after that in a five-piece band. He used to play both keyboards and drums for the band but eventually got rid of all the other band members until he was the only one left.

He said he finds his current situation interesting, learning all the different parts and putting them together.

One-man band performs to half-filled room

By Antony Saxon

McRorie Tait, the one-man band, rolled into Conestoga's Doon campus Oct. 27 for the annual Halloween pub, but it was unfortunate that only a half-filled room was there to greet him.

McRorie hooks himself up and straps instruments on to the point where he can reproduce the sound of a whole band -- including drums, bass and rhythm guitars, cymbals and tom-toms. He can even distort his voice to the point where it sounds like a wailing lead guitar.

McRorie's show was as much

visual as it was audio. He operates his own extensive light show as well as a smoke machine. The constantly kinetic man was a sight to see, constantly tapping his feet, playing his keyboards and beating the tom-toms on his chest.

It took a few songs for members of the audience to get over the novelty of the act and finally realize they could dance to a lot of his material and not just stand there and watch.

McRorie's musical offerings ran the gamut, from Black Sabbath and AC/DC to the lighter tunes of

Bruce Springsteen and Garry Glitter.

Only 200 tickets were sold for the pub, which included a disc jockey who actually played good music for a change.

Also featured was a costume contest, won by Dale Manwell, dressed as Junior, the chainsaw-wielding madman.

Those people who did show up seemed to enjoy McRorie's performance, although some of the heavy metal numbers seemed a little out of place for a college crowd who wanted to dance more than listen.

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SPORTS

Disappointing end to soccer season

by Cale M. Cowan

Despite two hard-fought losses in the Ontario championships on Oct. 28 and 29 at Fanshawe College, Conestoga soccer coach Geoff Johnstone feels his team had a successful season.

In their semi-final match-up against Durham College, the Condors faced a tough veteran defensive line and were unable to score. Two missed chances and a late-game gamble led to the 2-0 loss.

The bronze medal game saw Conestoga matched against Mohawk College, and they went down to a 1-0 defeat.

Conestoga's championship birth was a result of their second-place finish in the western division of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association and a thrilling overtime victory against George Brown College. Johnstone headed his team to the same second-place finish as the previous season, although he felt this year's team wasn't as talented.

"We had less skill, but more desire and commitment this year," said Johnstone, explaining his team's success.

The top four teams in each division advance to the playoffs, but during the first week of practice Johnstone felt the Condors would be lucky to get that far. The team lacked depth and the roster size to handle the schedule, he said.

The late addition of Bill Ferguson and Mark Schelling rounded the team out. The added depth and desire combined to make a team determined to win and able to pull out the tough ones. Out of seven

games that were decided by one goal, Conestoga won five.

Conestoga, whose final record was 6-4, went into the championship causing their opponents enough concern that a Durham coach felt it necessary to watch the George Brown playoff to scout out the competition.

Although Johnstone was pleased with the season's results, he felt the team had been restricted by injuries. One of their main play-makers, Tommy LeLacheur, was hampered by a hamstring injury all season. Sante DiDorato missed most of the regular season and played with a knee injury during the playoffs, while Bill Ferguson, who relies on his quickness, was slowed by a foot injury.

The championship losses may overshadow a moment of glory for two of the Conestoga players. Paul Zuzan was named an Ontario all-star along with Marcel Desmeules, who was also nominated to the all-Canadian team.

Desmeules stood out on the team all season. He provided much of the Conestoga offence and was a player in whom Johnstone had confidence.

"I can count on the goal when I see Marcel has the ball," he said.

Johnstone sees more success ahead for next year as he has 10 returning players, including five rookies who proved themselves this season.

"I'm very proud to be associated with a group of guys who worked as hard as they did and believed in themselves. They're a very special bunch of guys," Johnstone said.

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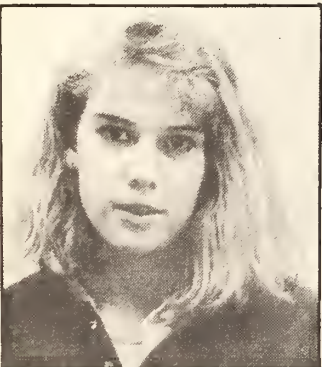
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Athletes of the week



Sharon deJong

Sharon deJong of the women's basketball Condors is this week's female athlete of the week. deJong lead the Condor scoring with 16 points in a game against Durham College and played well defensively. She is a native of Guelph and is currently enrolled as a first-year LASA student at the Doon campus.



Rod McClure

Rod McClure of the Condor hockey team has been named male athlete of the week. McClure was superb in two Condor exhibition games in Boston, scoring two goals. He was also a standout in Condor penalty killing. McClure is a native of Guelph and is a second-year accounting student enrolled at Doon campus.

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